Candidates Failing in UPSC Examinations

497. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of candidates who have failed in the UPSC Civil Examination from 1989 to 1990 ;

(b) the number of such failed candidates who hail from rural areas ;

(c) tho number of such failed candidates who hail from urban areas ; and

(d) the number of candidates failing in English and belonging to SC/ST communities with percentage out of the total candidates failing in English ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC is a competitive examination. Only such of the candidates who are ultimately recommended for appointment are deemed to have qualified in the examination. The information relating to number of persons who had appeared and were ultimately recommended for appointment on the basis of 1989 and 1990 examinations are given in Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) There are no accepted criteria for identifying candidates from rural and urban areas. The UPSC is expected to select the best available candidates and also to ensure equal opportunity for all eligible applicants. It is, therefore, not possible to give the number of candidates who are from rural and urban areas who could not succeed in the Civil Services Examination.

(d) The information is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Number of Persons who had qualified 1989 and 1990 Civil Services Examination [Referred to in reply to Part (a) of the Unstarred Question No. 497]

	1989 Examination	1990 Examination
(i) No. of candidates appeared in Civil Services (Main) Examination.	9408	10129
(ii) No. of Candidates finally recommended for appointment.	850	940

Statement-II

Total Candidates Failed in English [Referred to in Reply to Part (d) of the Unstarred Question No. 497]

	1989 Exam.	1990 Exam.
Total candidates failed in the qualifying examination in English.	579	279
S.C. Candidates among them	186	92
Percentage	32.12	32.97
S.T. candidates among them	138	84
Percentage	23.83	30.10